

CLIENT TRANSPORTATION

A. Definition . %Transportation means travel and related expenses that are necessary to enable an applicant or eligible individual to participate in a vocational rehabilitation service, including expenses for training in the use of public transportation vehicles and systems.+ (34 CFR 361.5(b)(57))

B. Scope of Services – Transportation is a supportive service which contributes to the individual's ability to participate in or receive the benefits of other vocational rehabilitation services.

Transportation services may include the use of private or commercial conveyances, such as private automobile or van, public taxi, bus, ambulance, train or plane. The use of public transportation and coordination with the regional transit agency in each agency is strongly encouraged.

C. Agency Expectations:

1. Costs to the agency for all transportation services, other than for the purpose of assessments for determining eligibility and vocational rehabilitation needs, shall require consideration of the economic need of the client, unless the individual is a recipient of SSDI or SSI.
2. Comparable services and benefits, including having the family transport the client, should be considered anytime services with costs are being considered.
3. When a private vehicle is used, payment may be authorized at a mile rate up to \$.25 per mile.
4. Travel costs of an individual providing personal assistance services may be furnished, even if the services of the individual are obtained at no cost to the agency.
5. IVRS will not provide funds to lease or purchase automobiles, vans, trucks or semi-tractors and trailers for transportation purposes.
6. Maintenance and repair costs for vehicles may not be authorized from IVRS funds.
7. Counselors will discuss with the client whether transportation is necessary and integral to their goal. Clients will be advised of comparable transportation services and if transportation is necessary to achieve the goal, it will be added into the plan as part of an amendment or review.

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D. Exceptions: The following require an exception signed by the supervisor:

1. Paying more than \$.25/mile.
2. Providing funds for leasing or buying a vehicle for any purpose.
3. Providing maintenance or repair costs for a vehicle.

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